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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 5 have been amended in the present amendment to refer to a specific embodiment of the invention. Claims 6-16 have been cancelled without prejudice to further prosecution in one of more related continuation or divisional applications. Claims 17-32 were previously cancelled. New dependent claims 33-38 have been added. Accordingly, after entry of the present amendment, claims 1-5 and 33-38 are pending.

Support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found in the Specification at, for example, p. 23, lines 11-14, p. 24, lines 24-25, and p. 25, lines 11-16 (step a)); p. 23, lines 35-38, p. 26, lines 32-24, and inherent from Example 2 at p. 66, line 35 to p. 67, line 22 (step d)); at p. 27, lines 37-38 and p. 27, lines 37-38 (step e)); original claim 6 (step f)); p. 6, lines 1-11 and original claim 11 (step g)). Support for the amendment to claim 5 can be found in original claim 5 and the Specification at p. 28, lines 3-5. Support for the new claims can be found in the Specification at, for example, original claim 6 (claim 33); p. 27, line 26 (claim 34); p. 27, line 28 (claim 35); p. 24, lines 27-28 (claim 36); p. 25, lines 13-15 (claims 37 and 38). Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced by the subject amendments and new claims.

If there are any questions concerning this communication, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below so that prompt disposition of this application can be achieved. No fee is believed due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due in connection with this submission to Deposit Account No. 50-0990.

Respectfully submitted,

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